

benefit programs. A recipient potentially may be eligible to receive benefits from three categories: day-of-draw cash benefits; pre-funded cash benefits; and day-of-draw food stamp benefits.

Currently, cash benefit programs that are treated as pre-funded benefits are beyond the scope of the EBT system. However, Bidders are required to meet the requirements of this section should the State add programs at a later date.

Cash benefits can be either pre-funded at the beginning of each benefit period (i.e. direct Federal cash benefits), or funded subsequent to the client accessing benefits, known as day-of-draw (i.e. county administered cash benefits). Whether benefits are funded on the day of draw or pre-funded, the balance available to clients for cash withdrawal or balance inquiry shall be the sum of all cash benefits in the cash benefit account. Therefore, when the EBT system reports a cash balance during a balance inquiry or on a cash receipt, the balance will reflect the sum total of all cash benefits available from all cash benefits. However the Contractor shall retain the ability to determine cash benefit balances by program for customer service and administrative purposes.

The Contractor shall assign a primary program designator (PPD) to the required cash benefit programs. When a recipient has benefits from multiple cash programs, the Bidder shall use the PPD to determine the cash benefit program from which funds will be drawn for settlement. Benefits will be drawn according to a program hierarchy that represents the order in which funds will be disbursed and drawn for settlement. The order-of-draw may change if programs and features are added to the EBT system. Therefore, the order-of-draw should be table-driven and easily modifiable. Pre-funded cash benefits, if they later become part of the EBT Project scope, will always be drawn first. Day-of-draw benefits will be drawn when no pre-funded cash benefits remain. Within day-of-draw benefit programs, the order of draw shall be

1. Solely federally funded benefits (RCA/ECA)
2. Jointly federally, State and county funded (CalWORKs with TANF funds)
3. Solely State funded (CAPI)
4. Jointly State and county funded (State only CalWORKs)
5. Solely county funded (GA/GR).

Furthermore, the system shall maintain information about benefit issuance date (including month and year). Benefits shall be drawn on a first-in first-out basis. The system will be capable of reporting this information to the State and counties.

Meets Requirement: Yes _____ No _____

Reference Document: _____ Page(s) _____

Description: _____

6.4.2 Account Setup

The Bidder must describe the process through which it will generate benefit account numbers and link them to the counties' case numbering methodologies, which are integral to the counties' eligibility systems.